

ACCIDENT CLASSIFICATION

UNIT <b>41 S.F.T.S. Weyburn</b>		COM <b>2</b>	PLACE <b>10 miles SW of Trenton</b>		DATE <b>20-12-43</b>	TIME <b>1500</b>	
A/C TYPE <b>HARVARD</b>		No. <b>FE343</b>	ORASH CAT. <b>"A"</b>	S.F. <b>x</b>	M.E.	DAY <b>x</b>	NIGHT
PERSONNEL		RANK	NUMBER	DUTY	INJURIES		SIGNAL
<b>Hughes, W.A.</b>		<b>P/O</b>	<b>152386</b>	<b>FI</b>	<b>Killed</b>		No. DATE
<b>Humphrey, E.W.</b>		<b>LAC</b>	<b>1604317</b>	<b>PP</b>	<b>Slightly Inj.</b>		<b>A.12 20-12</b>
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							No. CHECKED
							<b>#6</b> ✓
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ENGINE	ENGINE NUMBER (S)		HOURS FLOWN BY PILOTS				
<b>Wasp An.1.</b>	<b>42/1569/21493</b>		<b>Serious</b>	ON TYPE		TOTAL	
			NIGHT	SOLO	DUAL	SOLO	DUAL
			<b>41</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>167</b>
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PURPOSE OF FLIGHT:

TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

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NATURE OF ACCIDENT:

Aircraft struck power cable and dived into river: Pilot killed. Witness states: Saw three a/c flying around.

A/6 were flying N about 50' to 60' above the water, flying in line astern. The third plane was flying at a little lower level than the other two which were flying at the same level. There were high tension wires stretched across Missouri River near point where witness was standing and he thought that all three a/c would hit the wires but first two a/c cleared wires, but the third

CLASSIFICATION: a/c struck and broke wires.  
16. Unauthorized low flying or aerobatics.

22 Collisions - Obstrs (22)

SECONDARY OR CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS:

41. Hitting obstructions.

42 Unauthorized low flying (42)

COURT OF INQUIRY OR INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S REPORT:

FINDINGS:

SUMMARY No. 2201

CAUSE: Harvards FE343, FE636, and 3780 engaged in deliberate and unauthorized low flying as a result of which Harvard FE343 crashed.

RECOMMENDATIONS (1) Prompt and severe disciplinary action against other two pilots. (2) Prompt disciplinary action against u/t pilots concerned for perjury.

(3) That all units in #2 T.C. be ordered to prohibit flying over the U.S. without permission of the C.I., such permission not to be granted lightly.

CONCLUSIONS OF A.I.B. A/C crashed into high tension wires, the pilot (instructor) failed to see wire when he was engaging in deliberate unauthorized low flying.

ACTION TAKEN:

Agree. This is a bad case complicated by pupils apparently committing perjury in an attempt to defend the instructors.